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Dear Michael

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 13 January 2016 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for data on the number of surgical abortions performed at Thames Hospital.

The number of publicly funded hospital discharges with a facility of Thames Hospital, where the primary diagnosis code was *Medical abortion, complete or unspecified* (ICD-10 codes O05.5-O05.9) and where a surgical DRG code was reported were:

Year	Number of publicly funded hospital discharges
2010	474
2011	442
2012	421
2013	346
2014	224

These numbers should be interpreted in the context of a falling abortion rate nationally. Statistics New Zealand publish these figures annually under the heading: "Abortion statistics – information releases".

If you have any queries about this data, please direct them to Analytical Services, Ministry of Health. They can be contacted by phone on (04) 496-2000, fax on (04) 816-2898 or by e-mail (data-enquiries@moh.govt.nz).

I trust this information fulfils your request.

Yours sincerely



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